

Hampton Roads area Submarine Birthday Ball set for April 9

“Submarines and the Silver Screen” theme for this year’s celebration

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NORFOLK, Va. – Plans are already underway for the annual Hampton Roads officer and enlisted Submarine Birthday Ball, which will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at the Norfolk Marriott Waterside. The theme for this year’s ball is “Submarines and the Silver Screen.”

This event will celebrate the 105th anniversary of the beginning of the submarine force, when the Navy purchased its first submarine, USS Holland (SS 1), on April 11, 1900.

“We’re working hard to plan a great event and invite all area submariners as well as friends of the submarine force to join us in celebrating our heritage,” said Lt. Cmdr. Bryant Kohut, Executive Officer, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

The ball will kick-off at 6 p.m. and include a no-host cocktail hour followed by dinner and dancing. The guest speaker for the evening will be Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott. In addition, the Atlantic Fleet Band “Four Star Edition” will provide music and entertainment.

Dress attire for the event will be service dress blue, dinner dress blue or dinner dress blue jacket for active duty and informal attire for civilians.

There will be a centerpiece contest, in which all area submarine commands are encouraged to participate. Entries should follow this year’s theme, be submarine-related

and size appropriate. Prices will be awarded in the following categories: most original, most functional and best overall.

Tickets are on sale now. Cost per person is \$45 for E6 and below and \$55 for all others. Those interested in attending should contact Lt. Cmdr. Kohut at (757) 836-1320 or email at: bryant.kohut@navy.mil.